**GREENBRIER COUNTY COMMISSION** 

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August 8, 2011

Honorable Anne K. Quinlan Secretary Surface Transportation Board 395 E. Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20423-0001 AUG 15 2011
Public Record

Re: CSXT Transportation, Inc – Abandonment Exemption – Fayette and Greenbrier Counties, West Virginia – AB-55 Sub-No. 682X

**Dear Secretary Quinlan:** 

On behalf of the Fayette and Greenbrier County Commissioners, we are writing to request an additional 180 day extension of the deadline for negotiations with CSX Transportation. This needed extension is regarding the Notice of Interim Tail Use in the above captioned proceeding with respect to the 16.7 mile line of railroad on the CSXT's Southern Region, Huntington — East Division, Sewell Subdivision, between milepost CAF 27, near Rainelle and milepost CAF 43.7, near Nallen in Greenbrier and Fayette Counties, West Virginia.

The current time frame for negotiating an agreement for interim trail use/rail banking expires on August 14, 2011.

Funds for the study and the purchase of the property were made available through an ARRA Grant awarded through the West Virginia Division of Transportation, Division of Highways, Recreation Trail program. CSXT and the Fayette and Greenbrier County Commission have concluded a final agreement regarding the NITU. The deed has been signed by CSX and sent to the Division of Highways for recording. The Division of Highways has control over the disbursement of the grant funds to pay for this trail and what remains is for the release of the funds to CSXT. While we anticipate the final disbursement to be completed within the next 60 days, we are requesting the 180 day extension to ensure the completion of the sale and full transfer of title made to the Fayette and Greenbrier County Commissions.

On behalf of both the Fayette and Greenbrier County Commissions, we respectfully request an extension of 180 days for continued negotiations to finalize the purchase agreement with CSXT.

In addition, the Counties respectfully requests a waiver of the Board's filing fees in accordance with 49CFR 1002 2(e) (1).

By the signature below, we certify service upon CSX Transportation, Inc., 301 W. Bay Street, J-915, Jacksonville, Florida 32202

Sincerely,

Douglas G. Hylton, Meadow River Rails to Trails Coordinator

**Greenbrier County, West Virginia** 

Cc:

**CSX Transportation** 

**Greenbrier County Commission** 

**Fayette County Commission** 

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